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## COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEET

Revise Pool Books, and Appoint Officers to Hold Election.

## ALSO GIVE ORDER FOR BALLOTS

Ballots for Election Nov. 3, the Longest Ever Used in Any Election in the State.

In pursuance of the law, the newly-appointed Election Commissioners met at the court house Monday to go over and revise the poll books and prepare for having the ballots printed for the forthcoming regular election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3. The new commission is composed of Messrs. J. E. Everett, W. E. Russell and J. W. Luckett. The election officers were appointed, as will be seen by reference to another column, and the order for the ballots and tally sheets was given to the Sentinel by Mr. Russell, the Ballot Commissioner, and these will be ready for delivery on schedule time. The ballots are the longest ever used in a Mississippi election, and contain the proposed amendments to the State Constitution, and these will also be found in another column, being published by authority of the Secretary of State. It will be well enough for the voters of the county to carefully read over these amendments, so as to be posted on their provisions, and in this way every voter will be in position to vote intelligently on them.

## MISS BIRKHEAD'S DEATH BY HER OWN HAND SUNDAY

ENDS HER TROUBLES BY A DOSE OF MORPHINE.

Young Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Birkhead Ends Life at Her Home Near Dover.

Miss Cathie May Birkhead, the 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Birkhead, of Dover, in the southeastern part of this county, ended her life early last Sunday morning by a dose of morphine taken with suicidal intent.

Two reports are current as to the cause of the tragedy: one that the young lady was disappointed in a love affair, and the other that she had been reproved by her father, and brooded over the matter, and decided to end her troubles.

It is said that she had made similar attempts before. She was a very bright and attractive young lady, and her tragic death is sincerely regretted by all who knew her, and her parents have the sincere sympathy of many friends in their hour of grief. The Birkheads come from one of the most prominent families in the county, her grandfather having been a prominent educator in this county years ago, and her father having been the manager of an oil mill at Indianola several years ago before he moved to his plantation near Dover.

## WAREHOUSE BURGLARIZED.

G. & M. Packet Line Broken Into Friday Night.

Burglars broke into the warehouse of the G. & M. Packet Line last Friday night, and abstracted a small quantity of whisky. The door of the safe was left open, as there was no money kept inside, but a small drawer inside containing a few old pennies was broken open and the pennies taken.

The job was a crude affair, the front door being broken open with some blunt instrument, and it is believed that it was the work of some negro who was familiar with the premises.

Deputy Sheriff Muse put the dogs on the trail, and they followed it to the river, where it was lost.

## MILLER'S OPENING

An Occasion of Much Interest to Yazoo Shoppers.

The fall and winter opening of the R. P. Miller Store last Friday and Saturday was an occasion of much interest to the ladies of Yazoo City and Yazoo County, who visited the store in large numbers, and admired the many new and attractive goods on display, including millinery, dress goods, suits, notions, etc. The millinery display elicited much favorable comment, and the opening was a success in every way. The show windows were artistically arranged for the occasion, and were much admired.

## DEATH OF MRS. JOHN LEAR IN MEMPHIS SUNDAY NIGHT

Yazoo City Mourns the Death of One of Its Noble and Best Loved Women.

The death of Mrs. John Lear last Sunday night, cast a pall of gloom over the entire city, where Mrs. Lear was well known, and beloved of a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Lear had been in poor health for several months, and was quite ill at her home in this city, during the summer. As soon as she was able to travel, she went with her daughters, to Chicago, and spent several weeks on Lake Michigan.

En route home, she stopped in Memphis for treatment, and has been confined to her room in the Baptist Memorial Hospital in that city, for the past several weeks. For a while her condition appeared to be more hopeful, but last week, attending physicians announced that an operation was necessary to save her life.

Mrs. Lear underwent this operation Thursday, but never regained consciousness after taking the anesthetic. Her condition soon became alarming, and Mr. Lear, her husband, was summoned to her bedside.

She lingered until Sunday night, at eight o'clock, when the Death Angel came to her relief and bore from its frail earthly temple, the gentle soul, which had long and patiently borne its burden of suffering and anguish.

Mrs. Lear was before her marriage, Miss Mary Stigler, and was a native of Holmes County, where she was reared. She is survived by her husband, Mr. John Lear, the President of the Delta Bank, of this city, and three children, Mr. James Lear, now a student of Sewanee University, Misses Margaret and Mary Torrey Lear, of this city; a fourth child, John, having died in infancy. Several sisters and other relatives also survive.

In the death of Mrs. Lear, the entire community suffers an irreparable loss. She was an active member of Trinity Guild, the Episcopal ladies' church organization, and also of the Brickell Circle of King's Daughters.

Always a friend to the poor, never turning a deaf ear to those in distress, a kind neighbor, a loyal and devoted wife, a tender and pains-taking mother, her life has been a benediction to all, and the vacancy caused by her passing will be keenly felt by her family and friends.

A happy home-circle has been rent asunder, the most cherished member of the household is gone, a wife's welcome smile, a mother's fond embrace are now only a memory. The voice, once loved so well, is now silenced forever and forever. All that was earthly is gone; but the sacred love and good influence remains—gentle spirits left to cheer heart-broken husband and children through the long, lonely hours to come, to shed a halo of comfort around them through their whole lives.

The funeral services were held at the residence on Broadway at 3 o'clock p. m., Tuesday, and were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Albert Martin. A large concourse of friends attested the esteem in which she was held, and the floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. The burial was in the City Cemetery.

To these bereft loved ones, the Sentinel would speak words of condolence in their hour of trial, and would offer to them its deepest sympathy in their sorrow.

## FARM DEMONSTRATION MATTER IS POSTPONED

Board of Supervisors Will Defer Action Until November Meeting.

## MANY PETITIONS FILED FAVORING IT

Some Opposition Among Those Not Familiar With the Scope of the Work.

The matter of employing a farm demonstrator for Yazoo County, whose salary would be supplemented by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, was brought before the Board of Supervisors Tuesday, and action on the question postponed until the November meeting.

Many petitions from every section of the county were filed with the Board, asking that favorable action be taken on the matter, but it developed that some opposition has been expressed in some sections of the county, under the belief that it was an unnecessary expense on the county.

For the past year, the Agricultural Department has had Mr. W. R. Ritch stationed in Yazoo County for demonstration work, but his operations were not confined to this county, as the Government appropriation was not sufficient to give one county all of his time. It is proposed now that the Board appropriate \$1,500 annually for this work, and the Government will add \$500, making the same salary that is now being paid by the Government for Mr. Ritch's time for the several counties he represents.

The Board passed an order to give notice of the intention of the Board to employ Mr. Ritch, so that the taxpayers may have an opportunity to protest, if they so desire. Messrs. Coody, Regan and Cox voted for it, and Messrs. Pierce and Lumbley against it.

It has been urged by some that Mr. Ritch's work would be confined to points near Yazoo City, if elected. This is not the case. His time would all belong to Yazoo County, and he would establish demonstration plots in every section of the county where he might be wanted.

Notwithstanding the fact that only a part of his time has been given to Yazoo County this year, Mr. Ritch has demonstrated beyond doubt that the increased yields of various products under his methods are worth in dollars and cents much more than the proposed annual salary necessary to secure his services. With his entire time devoted to Yazoo County, the results would be incalculable.

This is a proposition that should appeal with special force to every farmer in the county. It is a movement entirely in his interest, and certainly Yazoo County can afford to spend this small amount of money to help the farmer to be a better farmer, especially when it can be shown that it will really not cost the county a cent when it is considered that the increased yields under his methods will more than pay the cost of his services.

It has been said by some that it is a scheme to give some one a job. Mr. Ritch is not an applicant for a "job." His services are in demand, and if he is not retained here, the Government will send him somewhere else, at the same salary he would receive if he remains here. But he is much interested in the work he has begun here, and the demand for his retention comes from those farmers in different parts of the county who are familiar with the good work he has already done in the interest of more profitable farming.

## U. D. C. Meeting.

The Jefferson Davis Chapter, U. D. C., will meet at the Library Thursday afternoon, Oct. 8, at four o'clock. Plans for the coming year will be discussed, and a large attendance is urged.

Messrs. Theo. Schmitt, W. K. Kennard, J. W. Schmitt and S. S. Griffin left yesterday morning for Jackson, where they will attend the State Confederate Veterans' Reunion.

## A POWERFUL SERMON ON EUROPEAN WAR

The War Means That Christianity Has Not Yet Completed Its Work.

## NEW GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS NEEDED

A Sermon by Rev. Albert Martin in Trinity Church, October, 4th, 1914.

St. Mark, 13; 7.—When ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled; for such things must needs be; but the end is not yet.

In compliance with the request of President Wilson that all Christian people in this country observe this Sunday, the Fourth of October, as a day for prayer for the peace of the world, I have chosen the war in Europe as the theme of the sermon this morning.

Today the great mass of people in our country are thinking of the war in a religious manner. It is good to think of it in this way on at least one day. For the country has been thinking of the war in so many other ways—particularly in a financial way. Strictly speaking, there are no foreign nations now. There may be different nations, but in these days God has surely knit together all nations in one that dwell on the face of the earth. Socially, most of the different nations are very close together. Commercially they are closer. All nations are so completely woven and made so intimately interdependent by the telegraph, the cable, the steamship, the channels of trade and by the hundreds of things that make up modern business and social life, that nothing can happen to one of them without affecting the others. Commercially, the hurt is felt at once. Throughout the South this is exemplified. Nothing else is thought of today except the sudden closure of the market for our cotton, and the stringency thus entailed. It brings home to us in the most comprehensible terms—terms of bread and meat—that all nations are members, one of another, and when one is hurt, the whole body of nations suffers.

But we have been thinking of the war too much in these terms. It is good to turn, even if only for an hour, though we, as many of us, are puzzled at the situation as view from the standpoint of Christianity.

The situation perplexes us. In Europe, after twenty centuries of the preaching of the doctrines of the Prince of Peace, we see this greater part of Christendom engaged in a war, before which every struggle in the world's history pales into insignificance. We see neutral nations ready, nay eager, to join the awful catastrophe at the slightest excuse. We see the far-flung colonies of the warring nations fighting each other for the only reason that their home countries are at war. More than this, it is not a war of hundreds of thousands; it is a war in which men are counted by the millions. The armies are so large and the battle fronts so extended, that the human mind cannot grasp the situation. Cities, towns, villages, are being laid in ruins and heaps; whole countries are being placed under the sword. All the horror and suffering which goes with the war is today increased a thousand fold by the stupendity of the thing. Action is continuous and men—men who have no quarrel with each other; men who do not know what the war is about—are being maimed and dismembered and killed by the thousands and ten thousands. I say that the human mind cannot grasp it. When one thinks that in a day or two that as many men are killed as there are inhabitants of Yazoo City and that these battles are unmitigated, one gets a sort of mental grasp on this crime against Christianity, civilization and modern progress.

But this very civilization and modern progress, instead of preventing such a war, is made a means to this war. This is not a war of the men in the ranks with the rifle. The rifle has been brought to such a state of efficiency that it is a horrible thing in

the hands of the man in the ranks. But this war is being fought out by modern progress, modern science, modern invention. The genius of the inventor is called upon to destroy. This war was long before prepared for in the laboratory of the chemist who for years experimented with explosives to find the highest and deadliest of them all. From the submarine to the flying machine; from the greatest siege gun to wireless telegraphy, everything is the very last word of science. Men are called upon to use God-given genius and brain to find ways to knock down cities and to kill their fellow-men by the thousand. And the pity of it all is that there may be men who might give to the world greater ideas than the world has ever dreamed, shot down as common privates in the rank and file. The bullet of the peasant may pierce the brain of the genius, who, had he lived, might give the world something that would make war impossible. And the irony of it is that the peasant had no particular desire to kill anybody.

And this, after twenty centuries of Christianity! Among some of the nations who have had Christianity the longest! Is it not a paradox? A contradiction? A crime?

So there comes from every side, from our newspapers, from our periodicals, from men and women in high places the cry that Christianity is a failure; that Christianity has broken down; that after all, man, under the thin veneer of a Christianized civilization is at heart only a barbarian, harking back to his primal and brutal instincts to kill, to slay, to destroy! Is this true? Has Christianity broken down? Are men savages? All of us, I dare say, have been asking these questions in perplexed doubt. Is it true?

I go back to the words of our Lord and bid you hope. "When ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be ye not troubled. For such things must needs be. The end is not yet."

To me these words have a very deep meaning. As long as the system of government, which obtains in all but one of the warring countries, continues, just so long will there be wars. For a system of government based upon the principle of the Divine Right to order citizens to take up arms, kill and be killed is fundamentally evil and by its fruits ye shall know it. It is not that the nations are not Christian; it is not because they have no Christian instincts. It is not because men are barbarians and savages that this war is being fought. It is because of the principal that one man in a nation has the Divine Right to cause all his countrymen to perish in the furtherance of his individual plans. The war is not the fault of citizens; it is the fault of systems. It is not a war of the nations; it is a war of rulers. A war which could easily have been avoided; yet into which Europe has been plunged by the fears, the jealousies, the ambitions of overweening rulers.

The man that is doing the fighting is still a Christian man with Christian instincts. He is neither a brute nor a barbarian. He was taken from a beautiful home life, from the following of an honest Christian vocation and told to shoot and be shot. The German citizen is an honorable, upright, God-fearing man. His honesty is proverbial. The rank and file of Germans come from a home life which is beautiful in its simplicity and lovingness. The Russian peasant is the most simple hearted, inoffensive, pious man, content with his church, his home, his occupation. The Englishman has the world wide reputation as a lover of home, of honesty, of fair play. We are apt to judge the Frenchman by Paris, but the Parisian is not the true Frenchman. The peasantry of France are the sturdiest, the most industrious, courteous, tender hearted people on earth. These men do not turn savages or barbarian in a single night. The putting on of a service uniform does not change them into brutes.

These men in ranks exhibit the usual lack of animosity toward their fellows in the enemies' ranks. Said an Austrian officer, taken from the field with three bullets in his body, "You ask me how I feel toward the Russians? I have not the slightest feeling against them. It is all so very impersonal. If I met a Russian officer, I should feel like shaking hands with him; but instead, we have been all

## YAZOO COUNTY FAIR EARLY IN NOVEMBER

Preparing for a Splendid Exhibit of Live Stock and Produce.

## GOOD PREMIUM LIST PREPARED

Every Farmer Urged to Be Here Thursday and Friday, Nov. 5th and 6th.

Extensive preparations are being made by the Commercial Club for the live stock and agricultural exhibit to be given in Yazoo City on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 5 and 6, and it is hoped that every farmer in Yazoo County will interest himself in making the event a big success.

Splendid crops of all kinds have been made in every section of the county this year, and there is hardly a farmer in the county that could not bring in some excellent specimens of farm, field and garden, if he would set himself to the task. With concerted action along this line, there could be gathered here a collection that would be a credit to the county, and this collection can be properly arranged and carried to the State Fair, and no doubt carry off some of the most valuable premiums to be offered there.

Mr. Ritch and Mr. Douthat will do all they can to assist the farmers in the matter, and will be glad to furnish any information desired.

There will also be a live stock show here at the same time, and it is expected that some very fine cattle, hogs, horses, etc., will be on exhibition.

Every farmer who has a pride in his county should lend his support to the movement.

## SOME COTTON BEING SOLD AT VERY FAIR PRICES

Mr. J. T. Thomas, of Benton, Route One, Disposes of Six Bales Last Tuesday.

Despite the generally depressed condition of the cotton market, some of it is being sold at fair prices, and there seems to be a better feeling as to the future.

Mr. J. T. Thomas, of the Myrtleville neighborhood, was in the city Tuesday, and told the Sentinel that he had sold four bales of long-staple cotton at 14 cents, and two bales of Trice cotton at 7-14 cents. Of course this is not as good prices as were received last year, but Mr. Thomas has the right idea about the matter. He says that by selling a part of his crop, even at a lower price, he can put the money in a few heifer calves, and make back the loss in a year or two in live stock. He reports good crops this season in his neighborhood, and says he will get eight bales of cotton from seven acres of land.

## CATTLE SALE.

Brickell Bros. Offer Some Good Herefords.

There has been a general awakening in the cattle business in Yazoo County during the last few years, and among the pioneers were the Messrs. H. H. and L. M. Brickell, who have specialized in Hereford cattle. On Thursday, Nov. 5, they will offer some of this splendid stock at auction, including several registered Hereford cows, registered bulls calves, several high-grade Hereford cows and heifers, two first-class brood-mares and colts, three yearling colts, some Tanworth hogs, some Holland turkeys, and several Angora goats. This will prove a splendid opportunity to secure some splendid foundation stock, and no doubt the sale will attract a good deal of attention. See adv. elsewhere in this issue.

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